

PRACTICE TEST 16

I. MULTIPLE CHOICE (8.0 points)

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the rest in each of the following questions.

1. A. comment B. equipment C. compartment D. document
2. A. edition B. device C. celebrate D. replace

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

3. A. sector B. mission C. limit D. affect
4. A. pagoda B. continent C. disaster D. consumption

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

5. Laser discs provide images of best quality than those of either television
- A B C D

signals or video tapes.

6. His teacher encouraged him taking part in the competition.
A B C D

7. Ozone is an unstable, faintly bluish gas that is the most chemical active form of
- A B C D

oxygen.

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

8. She would like to go for a picnic with us _____ she is busy.

- A. even if B. because C. so that D. but

9. Don't forget your appointment. You'd better put it in your _____.

- A. agenda B. diary C. calendar D. directory

10. It's an awful _____ Jane couldn't come. I was looking forward to meeting her.

- A. harm B. sorrow C. shame D. shock

11. The water clock was _____ by the Chinese in the 11th century.

- A. built B. kept C. examined D. made

12. It's nice I am now in London again. This is the second time I _____ there.

- A. will be B. would be C. was D. have been

13. _____ to an accident in High Street, traffic is moving very slowly on the London road.

- A. Through B. Owing C. Because D. Since

14. There are a lot of people who work in remote and mountainous areas nowadays.

- A. volunteer B. voluntarily C. volunteers D. voluntary

15. People often _____ the candles after singing “Happy Birthday”.

- A. blow out B. light up C. put on D. turn off

16. He has a very _____ temper and often says things he regrets later.

A. angry B. quick C. warm D. fast

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.

17. - "What about some soya milk? They are full of protein." - "_____"

- A. Yes, I'd love to. B. No, thank you.
C. I want to get vitamins. D. It's terrible enough.

18. - "Would you mind if I turned up the TV?" - "_____"

- A. No, no. Please do it. B. No, I don't do it.
C. Yes, I would. D. What a question!

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

19. It is imperative that they arrive on time for the lecture. They mustn't be late.

- A. necessary B. suggested C. hoped D. intended

20. The widespread use of pesticides and herbicides has led to contamination of groundwater in some areas.

- A. extensive B. experimental C. occasional D. popular

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

21. My mother often tells me never to accept a lift from someone I've just met!

- A. assist B. deny C. refuse D. prevent

22. When you bought that new computer a couple of years ago, you probably thought its 500-megabyte hard disk would last for ever.

- A. certainly B. absolutely C. possibly D. generally

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the correct word that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

According to some scientists, high-risk sports can be valuable for certain types of people. Such activities help them learn that being frightened doesn't mean that they have to (23) _____ control. The recent fashion for jumping from bridges attached to a length of elastic rope, known as "bungee jumping", has now been tried by millions of people over the world, and (24) _____ in it is continuing to grow.

Before the special elastic rope is tightened around them, jumpers reach speeds of nearly 160 kph. First-timers are usually too (25) _____ to open their mouths, and when they are finally lowered safely to the ground, they walk around with broad smiles on their faces, saying (26) _____ how amazing it was. However, for some people, it is only the embarrassment of refusing to jump at the last (27) _____ that finally persuades them to conquer the fear of heights and push them off into space.

23. A. keep B. lose C. gain D. limit
24. A. liking B. consideration C. attention D. interest

25. A. terrified B. shocked C. patient D. confident
26. A. constantly B. continuously C. repeatedly D. regularly
27. A. minute B. second C. hour D. time

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

The world above the forest floor can be observed by all of US. Rarely, however, do we take the time to notice the teeming life and bustling activity that occurs beneath the ground we walk on.

Of all soil-dwelling creatures, the most abundant are mites and springtails, insect-like creatures that literally eat their way through caverns of subterranean vegetation. The tiny, eight-legged mites lay their eggs on plant matter, which their larvae eat and convert into fresh soil. The bright-colored springtails are named for their ability to leap long distances during their search for decomposed plant matter to eat.

Both mites and springtails are prey to a host of soil-dwelling predators. They thus anchor one end of the food chain that extends to higher forms of forest “lowlife”, such as moles that feed on earthworms and shrews that eat beetles.

Those mammals, in turn, dig tunnels that function as underground byways for other subterranean species. Hibernating chipmunks, turtles, and salamanders sift and mix the soil when they burrow to winter dens. Cottontails and gray foxes excavate shallow dens as sanctuary from predators and harsh weather, while gray squirrels, hiding acorns for the lean season, further blend the earth. From microbe to people, thousands of species work the land upon which all life depends.

28. According to the passage, which of the following are the most numerous inhabitants of the soil?

- A. Foxes and cottontails B. Earthworms and ants
C. Mites and springtails D. Shrews and moles

29. According to the passage, all of the following are true about mites and springtails EXCEPT _____.

- A. they make new soil
B. they resemble insects
C. they form the lower end of the food chain
D. they hibernate for the winter

30. An example of predator and prey given in this passage is _____.

- A. mites and springtails B. moles and earthworms
C. turtles and salamanders D. gray squirrels and acorns

31. Which of the following animals live underground during the winter?

- A. Shrews B. Foxes C. Squirrels D. Salamanders

32. According to the author, the contribution that all the animals mentioned in the passage make to their habitat is _____.

- A. they work the soil B. they form the food chain
C. they find safety in the soil D. they convert plant material to new earth

II. WRITING (2.0 points)

Finish the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, beginning with the given words.

33. Tennis was something that never interested me.

I never used _____.

34. We must go to school in any kind of weather.

Whatever kind _____.

35. Swimming across this river is impossible.

You must find _____.

36. The teacher didn't allow the class to leave before 4.00.

The teacher made _____.

Write new sentences as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentences, using the given words in brackets. Do not change the given words in any way.

37. Dickens' last novel was unfinished when he died, (without)

Dickens died _____.

38. The thief has broken into his house three times recently, (had)

He has _____.

39. It's more than a fortnight since anyone saw Julian, (seen)

Julian _____.

40. "“Why don't you buy a new coat?” Mary told me. (suggested)

Mary _____.